

THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Monday, 18th April 1960.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Fort St. George, at half past eight of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAU) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

MR. SPEAKER : I have to again inform the House that I have put in to-day's list of questions ten questions for which answers have not been received. For eight of them I got answers this morning. For two of them, I have still to get answers. All these questions have been pending with the departments for more than one month. I am afraid that if this state of affairs continues, I will have to place all the questions on the expiry of fourteen days and not give extension of time. I am sorry that my request has no effect on the departments. I would once again request Ministers to direct their departments to furnish the answers in time. Now, I may give the House one other information. A question was asked simultaneously in this House and also in Parliament. That question was answered in Parliament. But the same is still to be answered in this House. The Government of India obtains the answer from this State. It is a pity that the question could be answered in Parliament and not in this House. It is a very bad state of affairs and shows scant courtesy to this House and to the Speaker.

Sri K. Vinayakam rose.

MR. SPEAKER : I am not going to allow any comments on my statement.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : Sir, I gave notice of a question three months ago. Even that question is not answered.

MR. SPEAKER : Is not what the hon. Member says covered by my statement ?

SRI A. A. RASHEED : Sir, you said that questions were not answered even after one month's time. But I gave notice of a question three months ago. Even that has not been answered.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : On a point of information, Sir. May I know, in spite of your repeated—I would not call it warning—writing to them for furnishing the answers, if the departments still continue not to send the answers in time, what is the panacea for this kind of malady or evil? Are we to be left in the lurch? Or what is the remedy?

MR. SPEAKER : The remedy perhaps is for the House to pass a vote of no-confidence against the Ministers if it can.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, the practice in the Lok Sabha is that if the information is available, it is immediately given. If it is not available, the answer is given that the information

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is being collected. When I first came here, and suggested the same thing to my department, they said that that was not the convention and that even if it took some time, they would have to collect and place the information before the House. If it is the desire of the Hon. Speaker that, if the information is not available within the time, the answer may be given that the information is being collected, then the Government will have no difficulty in doing so.

MR. SPEAKER : That is not the procedure here. Here if the departments are not able to get the answers ready within 15 days, they apply for extension of time. On many an occasion I have given not one extension but two extensions. But if, even after two months, the departments cannot prepare the answer, it only shows how clever and how efficient they are. But if the Ministers can assure me at the end of the period that the information is being collected and that they want some more time, I should be the happiest person to give it.

* THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, I only venture to suggest for the consideration of the Hon. Speaker and the House that the same practice as in the Lok Sabha may be followed. All questions may be put in and they may be given fourteen days' notice. Within fourteen days all the information that is available will be furnished. If the information is not available, the answer will be given that the information is being collected.

MR. SPEAKER : I have no objection. I shall follow the suggestion. It saves so much inconvenience to me.

Is the Hon. the Minister for Works prepared to answer question No. 698 now? Or shall I take it up at the end?
இப்போது பதில் சொல்லுகிறீர்களா?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : நான் கடைசியில் பதில் சொல்லுகிறேன்.

Tanning Industry

* 699 Q.—SRI V. K. KOTHANDARAMAN : கனம் கைத்தொழில் அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் தயவுசெய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விகளுக்கு பதிலளிப்பாரா?

(அ) டானரி தொழிலுக்குக் கடன் உதவி கொடுப்பதில்லை என்று சர்க்கார் உத்திரவு போட்டுள்ளார்களா?

(ஆ) அப்படியானால் அதற்கான காரணம் என்ன?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (a) & (b) Tannery industry is not excluded from the purview of the Madras State Aid to Industries Act, 1922. Applications from existing tanneries for the grant of State Aid are considered on merits.

SRI V. K. KOTHANDARAMAN : அன்னிய நாட்டுச் செலவாணியை தரக்கூடிய இந்த டானரி தொழில் பெரிய அளவுக்கு நமது ராஜ்யத்தில் ஷீனித்திருப்பதன் காரணமாகவும் அவர்களுக்கு பொருளாதார வசதியும் மிகக் குறைவாக இருக்கிற காரணத்தினாலும் இலவசமாகக் கேட்கவில்லை. சொத்தின் பேரில் 25 சத விகிதம் கடன் கொடுக்க வேண்டும் என்று கேட்கக்கூடிய நேரத்திலே, நாம் ஏன் அதைக் கொடுத்து அந்தத் தொழிலை பாதுகாக்கக்கூடாது என்பதற்கு விளக்கம் கொடுக்கப்படுமா?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : ஸ்டேட் எய்டு இன்டஸ்ட்ரீஸ் ஆக்ட் 25 லட்ச ரூபாய் ஒதுக்கியிருக்கிறோம். கடன் கொடுப்பதற்காக 25 லட்ச ரூபாயை டானரி தொழிலுக்கே கொடுத்துவிட முடியாது. என்